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ABSTRACT

This report presents data collected in a pilot study of 55 day care programs in 14 states by the National Child Care Association. Information was gathered through: (1) day care center self-evaluations; (2) surveys of staff, parents, and children; and (3) on-site visits. The first of the report's two sections presents data from the self-evaluations that deal with center compliance with specific early childhood program standards in regard to administration, developmentally appropriate programming, health, safety, parental involvement, and child care environment. The percentage of centers that responded positively to each question in the self-evaluation survey is reported in this section, which also presents data obtained during on-site observations that pertain to professional development, child care environment, health and safety, and developmentally appropriate programming. Section 2 presents demographic data about the centers concerning funding, children served, auxiliary services, staff, and transportation. The results of the parent and staff surveys are also presented. (MDM)

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